

# Soros helps pro-Serb brainwashing effort

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A critical aspect of the British-French-designed strategy to sacrifice the nation of Bosnia-Herzegovina in the weeks leading up to and following the notorious May 22 "Five Power Agreement" signed in Washington, has been an intensive effort to politically neutralize those groups and institutions which have been agitating for an outside military intervention against the Serbian aggressors and for ending the arms embargo against Bosnia. Investigations indicate that this frantic activity is being coordinated to a significant extent by the clique of pro-Serbian brainwashers connected with the Tavistock Institute in Great Britain (see *EIR*, "The Tavistock Psychiatrists behind the Rape of Bosnia," Feb. 12, 1993).

It has now come to light that international speculator George Soros is a moneybags behind the misnamed "anti-war" activities in Croatia of a very senior Tavistock-linked British psychologist named Adam Curle, who heads the "Mediation Training Network" in England. Curle has become a guru for a group of Croatian peace activists, giving them intensive training courses in the field of "conflict mediation."

The main thrust of Curle's work is to reduce all aspects of war and conflict to problems of "personal" feelings and "interpersonal" relationships, which are to be solved by "touchy-feely" sessions of group therapy, sensitivity training, etc. What is axiomatically removed from such "mediation" exercises, is all discussion of politics or geopolitics. Also excluded are discussions about how evil economic policies can be the cause of outbreaks of violence and disorder. In seminars on the war conducted by Curle and his friends, any participant who condemns Serbian aggression, and/or demands international action against Serbia, is angrily silenced, since this violates the "rules of the game," the "controlled environment," that Curle has established. The whole process is, in reality, a form of brainwashing.

Curle is well-placed to coordinate such activities. He worked at Tavistock in the years after World War II. He wrote several papers for the institute's *Human Relations* publication, between 1947 and 1952, on the subject of how to achieve "social reconnection" for British prisoners of war who were being resettled from their former homes. One such writing was co-authored with the recently deceased Eric Trist, one of Tavistock's most senior social engineers.

Following his work at Tavistock, Curle went on to teach at Harvard University, and then came to Britain to found the "peace studies" branch at the University of Bradford, one of the first such departments at a university anywhere in the world. In recent months, Bradford "peace researchers" have been caught attempting to disrupt the work of the Schiller Institute and collaborators to mobilize for decisive military action against Serbia.

Among insiders, Curle is known as one of the gurus of the international "peace" or "peace research" movement which sprouted in the 1970s and 1980s. Although these movements contained within their ranks many well-meaning people truly worried about the dangers of nuclear war and regional conflicts, their policy direction was tightly controlled by the Soviet and Anglo-American intelligence services, as a derivative of East-West arrangements worked out at the annual Pugwash Conferences of those years.

## The Helsinki Citizens' Assembly

In his Balkans work, Curle is integrally involved with the Helsinki Citizens' Assembly (HCA), which is essentially the 1990s regroupment of the 1980s international "peace movement." In early December, he will be a featured speaker at "The Third Helsinki Citizens' Assembly," which will take place in Ankara, Turkey.

The heads of its offices in Belgrade, Sarajevo, and Zagreb also just happen to be the heads of the branches in these cities of the Soros Fund, the foundation created by George Soros. The most important of these is Sonja Licht, who heads the Belgrade offices of both the HCA and the Soros Fund. Licht is also the international co-chair of the HCA. She was a recent recipient of the Swedish Peace Prize, and was lavishly praised by former Swedish Deputy Foreign Minister Pierre Schori. Schori, a good friend of such pro-Serbians as former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, has adopted as his own policy, a proposal by the HCA for the creation of a "United Nations Transitional Authority for Bosnia-Herzegovina" that would oversee a U.N. protectorate for Bosnia. That HCA proposal is the featured item in the summer 1993 issue of the *HCA Newsletter*. It is co-authored by Britain's Mary Kaldor, a leading figure of the 1980s international "peace" movement who is now the other co-chair, together with Licht, of the HCA.

Kaldor is part of a curious cluster of people. Her father, the late Lord Nicholas Kaldor, was for years the economics policy guru of the British Fabian Society. Nicholas Kaldor, like Soros, was born in Hungary. In the past years, Mary Kaldor's best friend has been Emma Rothschild, the daughter of the late Lord Victor Rothschild; her half-brother of the inheritor of that title, Lord Jacob Rothschild. Lord Jacob Rothschild is the chief business partner of Britain's Sir James Goldsmith, and the two together are among the most important international backers of the George Soros financial empire.